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Attention: Federal Resources Branch, Room 3500  
for Garland Hagen

Dear Mr. van Loben Sels:

**SUBJECT: MTC 1996/97 FTIP AMENDMENT NO. 23**


We have completed our review of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's (MTC) Amendment No. 23 to its 1996/97 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) submitted with your letter dated July 31, 1997. This amendment proposes advancing an off-site mitigation project near Muir Beach from FY 1999/2000 to FY 1996/97. We accept this amendment in accordance with 23 CFR 450 as revised by the Metropolitan Planning Rule issued October 28, 1993, and effective November 29, 1993.

We find that this MTC FTIP amendment was developed based on a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with 23 USC 134 and section 49 USC 5303 of the Federal Transit Act.

This finding has been coordinated with the Regional offices of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The actions documented in this amendment do not affect the conformity determination for the 1996/97 FTIP. Therefore, we find this FTIP to be in conformity with the State Implementation Plan (SIP).

This letter also constitutes approval, and inclusion of MTC's FTIP Amendment No. 23 into California's 1996-97 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP).

Sincerely,

  
Bradley Keazer  
Acting Division Administrator  
Federal Highway Administration